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CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

An order was issued on the 23d for the

payment to Captain Eads of an additional

\$50,000, on obtaining a 20-foot channel

through the Jetties, in accordance with

the provisions of the act of March 3, 1879.

The maximum depth of channel having now been

obtained, the \$50,000 reserve is also made

payable in two installments each at the end

of 10 years, the interest upon which, at 5

per cent. per annum, is payable semi-annu-

ally; in addition to which Captain Eads is

to receive \$100,000 a year for maintaining the

channel at the required depth.

Special and positive instructions were

sent by the War Department on the 24th to

prevent Gen. Miles from bringing on an

Indian war, and telling him that the only

purpose in sending him into the field was to

protect navigation of the Missouri River.

The President has appointed Charles P.

James Justice of the Supreme Court of the

District of Columbia, in place of Justice

Humphrey, deceased. Mr. James is a native

of Ohio, but has resided in the District

for the past 15 years.

Mr. Welsh, our Minister to England, has

sent to his residence, business affairs re-

quiring his attention at home.

WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

Notice has been given by the President

of the Western Sanitary Commission at St.

Louis that no more help can be given to

migratory negroes passing through that city,

the funds of the Association being entirely

exhausted.

The Congressional Committee, authorized

to investigate the alleged frauds in the First

and Second Congressional Districts of Ohio

at the last October election, met at Cin-

cinnati on the 24th for the purpose of enter-

ing upon the investigation.

A dispatch from Birmingham, Ala., 23d,

says: Six miles above the Wolf Point In-

dian Agency, on the Missouri, Joseph Pub-

ber and family were massacred. The

last Monday by Indians. Lambert, his wife

and four children were killed and scalped,

two other children were so badly mutilated

that they can not possibly recover, and one

little girl was carried away captive, to be

held as a hostage. There was a horrifying

spectacle at the place of the murder.

Two elderly maiden sisters, Elizabeth

and Mary, aged respectively 40 and 40 years,

residing at Hyde Park, a suburb

of Chicago, committed suicide on the

21st by hanging themselves in their own

house. Another sister, Nona, a dwarf, was

also a resident of the house. She said

that all three had previously agreed to

take their own lives, but that she had

backed out at the last moment. The sisters

were apparently in easy circumstances, but

it is not known what caused their trouble.

Henry Shanks, a farmer, with his wife

and three children, attempted to ford

Creek, five miles south of Sedalia, Mo.,

on the evening of the 21st. The stream being

unusually high the horses lost their footing,

the wagon was swept away and the occu-

pants killed. The horses were rescued, and

the wife succeeded in reaching the shore

but her children were swept from their

grasp and drowned.

The Secretary of the Navy, in considera-

tion of the fact that the Washington is

unlikely to get up the river this season, has

ordered that a recruiting rendezvous be

opened at St. Louis, where boys may be en-

listed for the Naval service and forwarded

to the different training ships. Commodore

Edward E. Patterson has been detailed to

take charge of the recruiting rendezvous.

The Wisconsin Republican State Con-

vention was held at Madison on the 23d.

Gov. Washburn, who is expected to be

re-elected, was the chief speaker. The

platform declares the United States to be a

Nation, not a confederacy of sovereign States;

that Congressional elections are National

elections, and as such should be held in

accordance with the provisions of the Con-

stitution; that the right of suffrage should

be exercised by the people, and that the

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